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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/461,090  
Applicant : Axel ULLRICH et al  
Filed : December 14, 1999  
TC/A.U. : 1634  
Examiner : Frank Wei Min Lu

Docket No. : 2923-347  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 13, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.